

# THE EQUAL TIMES

Bexar County Women's Bar Association

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## THE PRESIDENT'S COLUMN



San Antonio just wrapped up its annual city-wide party, but the celebrating is not over yet. 2018 marks San Antonio's 300th anniversary. Tricentennial events are going on throughout the year to showcase our fabulous city. **May 1-6 is Tricentennial Commemorative Week.** Enjoy six days filled with educational, artistic, and entertaining events. Visit <https://www.sanantonio300.org/> to find out more.

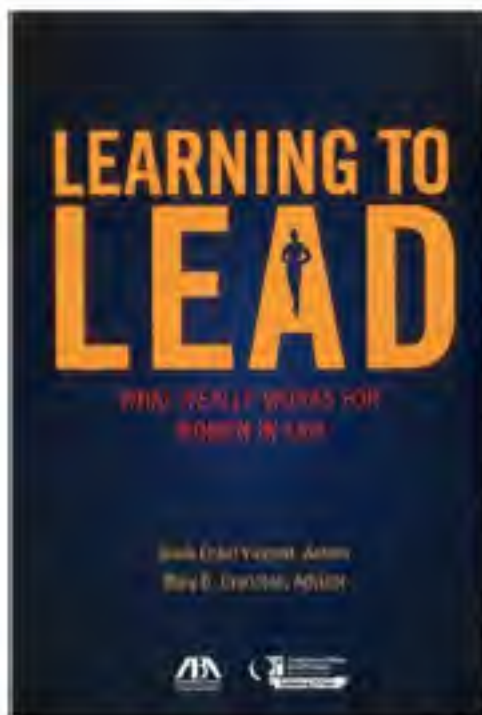
This year also marks the 35th anniversary of the Bexar County Women's Bar Association and Foundation. We hope you will celebrate with us at **Autumn Affair on October 4** at the Witte Museum. It will be an evening you won't want to miss!

In the meantime, we hope to see you **June 7-8 for the annual retreat in Boerne.** Judge Renee Yanta and Nicole Jackson have lined up some great speakers, including **Gindi Eckel Vincent.** Gindi is an author, speaker, blogger, and commercial counsel at ExxonMobil Corporation in Houston. Gindi writes and speaks nationally on brave leadership. Gindi has served in numerous leadership roles including President of the

# History and the Horizon

June 7-8, 2018 – Ye Kendall Inn

Featuring Gindi Eckel  
Vincent, Attorney and Author  
of:



- **Thursday, June 7** – Networking, Dinner and Book Review
- **Friday, June 8** – Presentations, Round-Table Topics and Lots of Laughs

\*\*\*7.0 hours of CLE expected.

Register for event at:

<https://bexarcountywomensbar.org/Annual-Retreat>

Space is limited!!

**Speakers for Retreat -  
San Antonio's finest Attorneys,  
Leaders and Mentors:**

Lisa Vance  
Sarah Anne Lishman  
Sara Dysart  
Kathleen Church  
Marie Haspil  
Judge Rosie Alvarado  
Tracy Tylman  
Judge Renee Yanta  
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# Call for Nominations for Belva Lockwood Outstanding Lawyer and Outstanding Young Lawyer Awards

On October 4, 2018, the Bexar County Women's Bar Foundation will recognize two distinguished attorneys with the Belva Lockwood Outstanding Lawyer Award and the Belva Lockwood Outstanding Young Lawyer Award.

Women attorneys in our community who have been licensed to practice law for eleven or more years will be considered for the Belva Lockwood Outstanding Lawyer Award. Women attorneys in our community who have been licensed to practice law for three to ten years will be considered for the Belva Lockwood Outstanding Young Lawyer Award. The recipients must be current members in good standing of the Bexar County Women's Bar Association.

The selection committee will consider:

- Contributions to the community in the form of appointed or elected offices, and membership and board involvement in community organizations;
- Contributions to improve the status of women in society and in the legal profession;

- Contributions to the legal profession;
- Experience, reputation, and standing in the legal community;
- Contributions to the Bexar County Women's Bar Association and Foundation and its projects; and
- Other relevant contributions to the community.

Please take some time to consider what outstanding women attorneys you know who are deserving of this very special award.

Please note that because of our desire to honor all women who have achieved high honor by their ascent to the judiciary at Autumn Affair, sitting judges are not eligible for the Belva Lockwood Award.

Please send the name and email address for your nominees no later than June 15, 2018 to Amanda Crouch at [acrouch@jw.com](mailto:acrouch@jw.com).

All nominees will be sent an application after the close of nominations.



# Young Women's Leadership Academy Presentation

By: Greta McFarling

In connection with SABA's Law Week 2018, the Bexar County Women's Bar co-hosted a presentation for freshmen and sophomore students at the Young Women's Leadership Academy on April 26. Justice Rebeca C. Martinez moderated a panel of judges and lawyers, including Judge Renee Yanta, Judge Lori Valenzuela, Justice Irene Rios, and Judge Toni Arteaga. Lawyers included LEAD Academy graduate Patti Oviatt and current LEAD class members Colleen Mulholland and Sarah Donahue. Many thanks to Julie Grant, Liza Rodriguez, and Sally Uncapher who also participated along with the panelists for the advice and insight they shared with the students.



(Left): Young Women's Leadership Academy counselor Ted Guerra; Judge Lori Valenzuela; Judge Renee Yanta; Justice Rebeca Martinez; Sarah Donahue; Greta McFarling; Patti Oviatt; Angelica Avila; and Julie Grant

(Right): Justice Irene Rios addresses students at the YWLA.





# Bexar County Women's Bar Association Spurs Night Recap

By: Danielle Rushing

On April 9, 2018, BCWB members and their families attended the Spurs' last game of the regular season at the AT&T Center. BCWB members were able to enjoy the H-E-B Fan Zone with a private cash bar, in addition to the Spurs Fan Tunnel experience. Stay tuned for BCWB Spurs Night next season!



BEXAR COUNTY WOMEN'S BAR FOUNDATION  
2018 Empowered Women Leaders Luncheon

# YOU'VE ALWAYS HAD THE POWER

Featuring Patricia Gillette  
Attorney, Author, & Gender Equality Expert

Friday, May 11, 2018 | Pearl Studio | 11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.  
200 E. Grayson, Ste. 115 (Full Goods Building)

RSVP by May 1, 2017  
Email [luncheons@bexarcountywomensbar.org](mailto:luncheons@bexarcountywomensbar.org) or visit  
[www.bexarcountywomensbar.org](http://www.bexarcountywomensbar.org)

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# Law Day 2018 Luncheon Recap

By: Danielle Rushing

On April 3, 2018, the Bexar County Women's Bar Association held its annual luncheon with students from the Young Women's Leadership Academy (YWLA) at Paesanos Lincoln Heights. During lunch, the Honorable Angélica Jiménez of the 408th Judicial District Court encouraged the YWLA students to share what they learned about this year's Law Day theme: "Separation of Powers."

BCWB members who attended enjoyed lunch alongside YWLA students and had the pleasure of getting to know some of these ambitious young ladies. Many students expressed their interest in law, the benefits of participating in the competition, and sincere gratitude for BCWB's continued support. Many thanks to Hella Scheuerman and Katherine Patton Noll for their efforts in organizing this rewarding event!





# President's Column (cont.)

Women's Energy Network of Houston, the executive committee of Greater Houston Women's Chamber of Commerce, and Chair of the Texas Young Lawyers Association. She has been recognized as one of Houston's 50 Most Influential Women, one of Houston's Top 25 Role Models, and Houston's Outstanding Young Lawyer. Gindi and her husband are the proud parents of seven year old triplets.

You'll love meeting Gindi and I know you'll leave the retreat feeling refreshed and ready to tackle those workplace or personal challenges! Earn CLE credit and spend some time unwinding with your friends and colleagues! Don't miss the Friday morning mimosa and Bloody Mary buffet! To register for the retreat, visit: <https://bexarcountywomensbar.org/Annual-Retreat>

## CALL FOR CJP VOLUNTEERS

The Community Justice Program is in need of volunteer attorneys for the Family Law Clinic on Tuesday, May 22 from 5:30pm-8:00pm. Location: Wesley Community Center, 1406 Fitch Street, 78211.

CJP will provide training and resources and access to mentors for those who haven't represented a client in a divorce proceeding before.

If you would like to volunteer, please contact [greta.mcfarling@txcourts.gov](mailto:greta.mcfarling@txcourts.gov)

For questions about the clinic, please contact Sarah Dingivan at

[SarahD@sabar.org](mailto:SarahD@sabar.org).

# **NATIONAL CONFERENCE OF WOMEN'S BAR ASSOCIATIONS**

Did you know that Bexar County Women's Bar Association is a member of the National Conference of Women's Bar Associations? The National Conference of Women's Bar Associations (NCWBA) is a unique organization of women's bar associations, for women's bar associations, representing approximately 35,000 women lawyers. It provides a national forum for exchanging ideas and information vital to organizational growth and success in today's profession. The NCWBA advocates for the equality of women in the legal profession and in society by mobilizing and uniting women's bar associations to effect change in gender-based processes and laws.

Check out the NCWBA website for great resources:

<https://ncwba.org/>

The April 2018 NCWBA newsletter  
can be accessed here.



# MAY AROUND TOWN LUNCH

Join Robin Thorner on May 18 at Rehoboth Eritrean-Ethiopian Cuisine at 1721 Babcock Road for May's Around Town Lunch!

The menu is Here.

No need to RSVP -  
See you there at 12:00 pm!



# **June Luncheon: Tax Reform for Attorneys**

**Katherine Noll and Jaime Vasquez from Chamberlain Hrdlicka will be providing information about what attorneys need to know about tax reform for their clients and their firms.**

**Club Giraud - June 5, 2018 at Noon**

**Watch your email for an invitation and request to  
RSVP!**





# SAVE THE DATE:

# Autumn Affair

Autumn Affair 2018 is on October 4 at the Witte Museum! The silent auction committee is seeking volunteers to help make this year's event a success. If you would like to help with BCWB's annual charitable gala, please contact Cassie Matheson at [cmatheson@hfgtx.com](mailto:cmatheson@hfgtx.com).

## WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!

- Janet Oyeteju
- Vanessa Kemmyn

# Help St. Mary's University law students dress for success

The Office of Career Services is accepting donations of business attire to help law students build their professional wardrobes.

Donations can be dropped off at the Office of Career Services in the Sarita Kenedy East Law Library, Room 216, or at the next monthly luncheon.

Please contact Kim Underdown at 210-436-3511 or [kunderdown@stmarytx.edu](mailto:kunderdown@stmarytx.edu) to arrange a donation pick-up.



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The St. Mary's Law "Suit Up Station" is now open for law students who are in need of professional attire for an interview or even their first day on the job. If you have business professional and business casual clothes and accessories you no longer wear, we will happily take them! You can donate next at the Empowered Women Leaders Lunch on May 11th, the Around the Town on May 18th, or the Annual Retreat

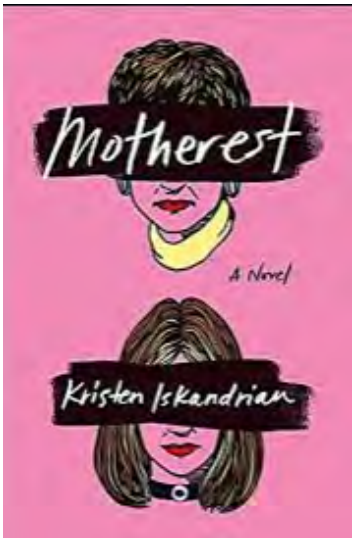


# Fox Tech Mentoring Luncheon Recap

By: Danielle Rushing

On April 24, 2018, BCWB had the opportunity to partner with the FBA – San Antonio Chapter and SAPA to host a mentoring luncheon for junior and senior female students enrolled in the law magnet program at Fox Tech High School. Students and practitioners heard powerful speeches by several speakers, including, but not limited to, the Honorable Jeanette J. Clack, the Honorable Catherine M. Stone, and Deborah D. Williamson. After the program, the students visited with female attorneys, law enforcement personnel, legal assistants, and paralegals. Many thanks to Beth Smith, Melanie Fry, Leslie Hyman, and Deborah Williamson for coordinating such an awesome event!





# Book Review: Motherest

By: Lisa Alcantar

Just after finishing *The Power*, *Motherest* showed up in my library in box. I was thrown off by the cover and couldn't actually remember what had prompted me to suggest this book to the library. But my doubts quickly dissipated. Agnes is our 18 year old narrator. Her story could be summed up best by saying it is a coming of age drama. Really, at its heart, this novel is a one-sided conversation between Agnes and her mother, between Agnes and the larger world from

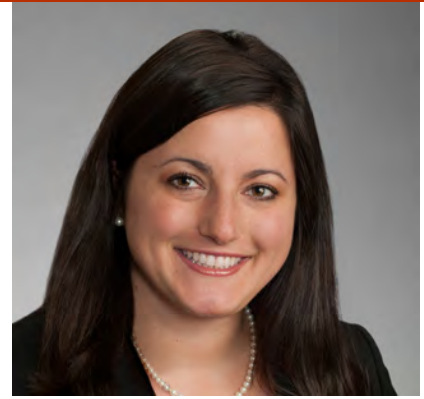
which she feels so disconnected. As a mother of a daughter and a daughter myself, this story filled me with hope and broke my heart all the same. The author did a fantastic job of capturing the push-pull of coming into oneself, the grasping of one and the letting loose of the other, so rarely in sync, that defines so much of the parent-child relationship, even as it morphs into a parent-adult child relationship.



# Tricentennial Tidbits:

## Mother's Day Polo Brunch and Riverwalk Artisan Shows

By: Amanda Crouch



May is full of Tricentennial Events in San Antonio!

As mentioned in the President's Column, Commemorative Week is May 1 - 6 and will be six solid days of educational, artistic and entertaining events that showcase San Antonio's culture and tradition.

After Commemorative Week is over, celebrate San Antonio Moms at the Mother's Day Polo Brunch!

This family friendly event will feature a hat contest, entertainment, and an exciting pro-am polo match featuring the San Antonio Polo Club team playing against the visiting Madrid Polo team from Spain. There will also be food tasting by local restaurants and Spanish imports and educational areas to teach the public about San Antonio's rich polo history.

The Brunch will be at the Olmos Basin Park at 500 Devine Road on May 13, 2018 from 12 - 4 pm. General admission is \$25. Military and children under 10 are free.

At the end of the month, enjoy the Riverwalk Artisan Show from May 25 - 28 at the River Walk Extension (close to the San Antonio Convention Center and Rivercenter Mall). Artisans will be displaying and selling beautiful handmade merchandise, including pottery, textiles, jewelry, woodwork, paintings, beadwork and more. The show is free to attend so don't miss out!



# OUR MISSION

*The mission of the Bexar County Women's Bar Foundation is twofold: to provide educational opportunities to its members; and to protect and strengthen local families by supporting legal and charitable programs.*

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